

Drysdale 38; Gr. Parkerson 34; Sharpe 32; Manning 38; Salmon 31. Total, 237.

Hamilton.

All the companies of the 13th Battalion have been engaged in company drill this week, and the attendance has been far above the average of previous years, excepting "E" and "F" companies. These two are not turning out as well as they might do. "D" company has the strongest parades, with "A" company a close second. The latter has a good class for physical training, and the boys seem to enjoy it. It certainly is a good thing for them.

The postponed officers' annual meeting was held at headquarters on Saturday evening, 22nd ult., Lt.-Col. the Hon. J. M. Gibson, M.P., in the chair. The treasurer, Major Moore's, report showed that the funds were in a very healthy condition notwithstanding the amount of furnishing that has been done, and sundry other items, such as band instruments, which have lately been renewed. The attendance of officers was large, only two or three being absent. The committees were all arranged in a satisfactory manner. The rifle committee, on account of its importance, was enlarged. A great deal of enthusiasm was manifested at the idea of taking the battalion away for a trip on the 24th and 25th of May. A number of places were suggested, but none of them were finally decided upon.

The members of the Field Battery are hard at work every Thursday evening at standing gun drill. They were very near the top last year, notwithstanding the absence from camp of two of their officers. The chances are they will get there this year. Lieut. Duncan is in command of these parades, assisted by Instructor Curley. The companies have all been put through aiming and position drill preparatory to firing with the Morris tube under the superintendence of Capt. Adam, musketry instructor. This instruction was to have commenced last Friday with "A" company, but owing to some mistake the tubes were carefully locked up in the Battery vault for safety and could not be got at, the instructor of the Battery being absent. Capt. Adam's usually beaming countenance was consequently overcast and he wandered aimlessly away.

"F" company was put through some good instruction in the way of guard mounting, relieving sentries, &c. Lieut. Tidswell instructed, assisted by 2nd Lieut. Laidlaw.

Major Moore was present during the evening making arrangements for quarters for the bugle band and keeping his eye generally on the parades, &c.

Lt.-Col. Villiers, D.A.G., is in town just now. He has not been at all well, and is staying over for a few days to see if he can get up to his old form again. He has come to the right place.

The Hamilton papers of Saturday announce that we are likely to have a new senator gazetted next week. The military men here, and they are not few in number, think that it would be much more to the point and of infinitely more benefit to the community if it was a troop of cavalry instead.

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Toronto.

The sergeants mess of the 10th R.G. gave a farewell supper to Sergt. Jack of G. Co. (father of the late Col. Sergt. Jack) on Tuesday 25th February, on the occasion of his leaving the mess and going to reside at Banff, N.W.T. A large number of members were present and a very pleasant time was spent. Drum-Sergt. Bewley, Sergt. Jefferys and Sergt. Dyce and others rendered some excellent songs, but Sergt. Milsom's negro song, "Good-bye, I'm gone," was the favourite.

The president of the mess, Q.M. Sergt. Dale, in a few brief words expressed the sorrow that the mess experienced in having to part with such an old and valued comrade. Sergt. Jack in replying said he was much affected by the kindness of the mess and would always remember with pleasure the many pleasant evenings which he had spent with the members.

The supper came to a close at 10 o'clock, when God save the Queen was sung. Then the members formed two deep and escorted Sergt. Jack down to Union station, whence the 11 o'clock C.P.R. Pacific express bore him off to his future home. "Auld lang Syne" was sung, and as the train moved out of the station three cheers and a tiger were given.

Sergt. Jack was one of the oldest members of the regiment, having joined in 1874. When Col. Grasett undertook to re-organize the regiment he was one of the first men to join and has served in the rank of sergeant ever since. When the N.W. troubles of 1885 broke out he wanted to go, but Col. Grasett would not let both him and his son, the late Col. Sergt. Jack, go, so the father stayed at home. His son contracted in the campaign the germs of the disease which afterwards resulted in his death. In Sergt. Jack the regiment loses one of their best shots. The Toronto Rifle Association will also mourn his departure.

THE CANADIAN MILITARY INSTITUTE.

On Monday evening, 3rd inst., a well-attended and representative

meeting of military men was held at the Rossin house, when constitution and by-laws were adopted and officers elected for the Canadian Military Institute. Though only recently proposed, the new institute is likely to prove a great success. The object is the promotion of the military art, science and literature, and social intercourse of members. It will fulfil much the same duty as tactical societies do in the old country, only the subjects may prove of a more varied nature than those discussed in these institutions. The exhibition of inventions pertaining to the art of war, will from time to time form a feature of the rooms of the institute. Ninety-eight members have already joined. Lieut.-Col. Otter, D.A.G., took the chair, and amongst others present were Lt.-Cols. Grasett, Hamilton, Q.O.R.; Morin, 44th Batt., M.P.P.; Shaw, late 10th; Milligan; Lindsay; Majors Starke, Victoria Rifles; McSpadden, 12th; Mason, R.G.; Leigh, late 57th; Mead, T.F.B.; Sankey, Q.O.R.; Vidal, I.S.C.; Capts. Mutton, McPherson, Victoria Rifles; Beaty, Symons, McGee, Knight, 22nd Batt.; Brock, Green, Manley, Vennell; Ald. Ritchie, Ald. E. A. Macdonald, Ald. J. E. Verral and L. Homfray Irving, secretary.

The chairman stated that the committee appointed at last meeting met several times and had gone into the question thoroughly and were prepared to recommend the scheme, and had applied for a charter for a joint stock company to be entitled the Military Institute Company of Toronto (limited). The stock would be limited to \$3,000, of which \$950 had already been subscribed in shares of \$5. Four rooms with an additional one for a caretaker and other conveniences had been rented at Nos. 94 and 96 King street west, on the second floor, at a rental of \$500 inclusive of taxes and cost of heating. The charter, the chairman further explained, would be obtained within a week. The committee were to take immediate steps to have the rooms furnished, and they would probably be ready for occupation by April 1st.

The stock list was then opened for subscriptions and was increased during the evening to \$1,500, the amount necessary to business. The meeting then adopted a constitution and by-laws of the Canadian Military Institute, fixing the membership fee for resident members—those residing within ten miles of the general post office—\$5 per annum, and for non-resident—beyond that—\$2.50. A slight discussion arose as to the expediency of the name "Canadian" being given to the institute as being presumptuous for a provincial institution to adopt, but this was overruled in the hope that Montreal, Ottawa and other towns would follow suit by forming branches. Membership was limited to officers and ex-officers of her majesty's army and the Canadian militia. A significant clause passed was: "Politics and religious questions of every kind shall be absolutely excluded from open discussion in the institute." The annual general meeting was fixed to be held on the fourth Monday in January each year.

Lt.-Col. Otter, D.A.G., was unanimously elected president for the first year. The vice-presidents elected were Lieut.-Col. Gibson, 13th Bn., Hamilton, and Lt.-Col. Grasett, Toronto. Mr. L. Homfray Irving was made secretary, and Mr. Robert Myles, treasurer. Committee—Major Mead, field battery; Major McSpadden, 12th York; Major Starke, Victoria Rifles; Capt. Mutton, Queen's Own; Capt. Merritt, G. G.B.G.; Capt. Eliot, R.G. Auditors—Capt. Pellatt, Q.O.R., and Capt. Howard, R.G. Major Starke, of the Victoria Rifles, said he would do his best to further the interests of the institute in Montreal.

Says the *Army and Navy Gazette*:—"Gunnery as a science is making enormous strides every day, and we have now arrived at an initial velocity of over 2,690 feet, which allows us to diminish our calibre while yet piercing the thickest of armour. What, then, is the object of monster ordnance?—The results obtained from the 10½ in. Canet gun, intended for the Greek ironclads now in course of construction in France have been splendid. Weighing only about 35½ tons, it throws a projectile of 560 lbs., with a muzzle velocity of more than 2,300 feet, and capable of piercing 27½ in. of wrought iron. At 1,100 yards it would penetrate 25 in., and at 2,200 yards nearly 22. Bearing in mind that the extreme limit of ballistic force has probably not yet been reached, and the initial velocity of 2,600 feet is likely to be exceeded, one may well ask what is the good of loading our ships with guns of 110 tons or even 67 tons weight. Guns of a reasonable size need not be entirely dependent on machinery for their working; guns of an unreasonable size always must be. This is the pith of the wise remarks of a French expert.

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